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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-4 (cancelled)

5. (previously amended) The method of claim 8, wherein said keyboard is a wireless keyboard.

Claims 6 and 7 (cancelled)

8. (currently amended) In a PC/TV computer system having keyboard for providing alphanumeric characters to said PC/TV computer and also having a display monitor, a method of selecting a network station comprising the steps of:

storing by-predetermined network station and internet site names;

placing said PC/TV computer in one of a user selectable TV mode and a Computer mode
with an active video window;

effecting a first actuation of an alphanumeric key on said keyboard;

creating a monitor display of the or each stored network station name or internet site name containing a first character matching the character associated with said alphanumeric key;

effecting a second actuation of the same or another alphanumeric key on said keyboard;

creating a monitor display of the or each stored network station name or internet site name containing first and second characters matching the characters associated with said first and second alphanumeric key;

if necessary, effecting one or more further alphanumeric key actuations and creating a monitor display of the or each stored network station name or internet site name containing an initial sequence of characters matching the sequence of characters associated with the sequence of alphanumeric key actuations;

effecting user input to the system to mark the or a user selected displayed name having said matching sequence of characters; and

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then effecting user input to the system to establish communication between the PC/TV computer system and a network station corresponding to the displayed network station name or internet site marked by said user input.

9. (original claim) The method of claim 8, further comprising a step of downloading a program guide from a network provider, said program guide providing information that matches network stations with TV channels.

10. (previously amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the or a user selected displayed network station name containing a matching first character is highlighted.

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11. (previously amended) The method of claim 8, wherein said monitor display is effected in an active window of said display monitor when the system is in said Computer mode.

12. (previously amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the step of displaying is performed by providing a channel banner on the display monitor.

Claims 13-16 (cancelled)

17. (previously amended) The method of claim 8, wherein said user input to tune to a network station is effected by actuation of a key on said keyboard.

18. (previously amended) The method of claim 8, wherein said user input to tune to a network station is effected by user operation of a pointing device.

19. (previously added) The method of claim 8, wherein in said TV mode said PC/TV has a full screen display and no user accessible PC functionality and in said Computer mode said PC/TV has user accessible PC functionality and a video window in said display.

20. (previously amended) A computer system emulating a television system

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comprising:

a merged PC/TV receiver and selectively operable in a user selectable TV mode or computer mode;

a monitor connected to said computer system and operable to provide a display in each of said TV and computer modes; and

an alphanumeric keyboard for providing alphanumeric information to said computer system, said computer system being capable of interpreting different predetermined alphanumeric key actuations on said alphanumeric keyboard as respective channel macros associated with network channels, the combination of said computer, said monitor and said alphanumeric keypad providing a user a visual listing of networks by depicting on said monitor successive lists of network names, each list containing network names including an initial sequence of a plurality of characters matching the sequence of characters associated with a sequence of alphanumeric key entry actuations as they are being entered by the user, until the user enters a select input to establish communication with the selected network;

wherein some of said channel macros are operably associated with predetermined TV networks; and wherein at least one other channel macro is operably associated with an internet network site.

21. (previously added) The computer system of claim 20, wherein said user input to tune to a network is effected by actuation of a key on said keyboard.

22. (previously added) The computer system of claim 20, including a pointing device operable to effect said user input to tune to a network.

23. (previously added) The computer system of claim 20, wherein in said TV mode said PC/TV receiver monitor has a full screen display and no user accessible PC functionality and in said computer mode said PC/TV receiver has user accessible PC functionality and a video window in said monitor display.

24. (new claim) In a PC/TV computer system having keyboard for providing alphanumeric characters to said PC/TV computer and also having a display monitor, a method

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of selecting a network station or an internet site comprising the steps of:

- storing predetermined network station and internet site identifiers;
- placing said PC/TV computer in a user selectable TV mode providing a full screen display and no user accessible PC functionality or in a Computer mode providing user accessible PC functionality and with a video window in said display being in focus;
- effecting a first actuation of an alphanumeric key on said keyboard associated with a network identifier;
- creating a monitor display of the or each stored network station identifier or internet site identifier having a first character matching the character associated with said alphanumeric key;
- effecting a second actuation of the same or another alphanumeric key on said keyboard;
- creating a monitor display of the or each stored network station identifier or internet site identifier containing first and second characters matching the characters associated with said first and second alphanumeric key;
- if more than one said identifier is displayed, optionally effecting one or more further alphanumeric key actuations and creating a monitor display of the or each stored network station identifier or internet site identifier containing an initial sequence of characters matching the sequence of characters associated with the sequence of alphanumeric key actuations;
- effecting user input to the system to mark the or a user selected displayed name having said matching sequence of characters; and
- then effecting user input to the system to establish communication between the PC/TV computer system and a network station corresponding to the displayed network station identifier or internet site identifier marked by said user input.

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